

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the May 19 personal interview, Examiner Nguyen stated that he will withdraw the rejection for claims 1-26 and that no substantive response from the Applicant is needed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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